

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Nome Census Area



The Nome Census Area covers an area of 23,000 square miles in western Alaska, and includes St. Lawrence and Diomed Islands in the Bering Sea. The city of Nome serves as the regional transportation and service hub for 15 surrounding villages, which are mostly situated on the coasts of Norton Sound and the Bering Straits. The economy, however, is now dominated by the service sector including transportation, trade, finance, and services. In outlying communities, the primary source of year round employment is with schools, health clinics, and city and village organizations. Most villages are located to take advantage of subsistence resources.

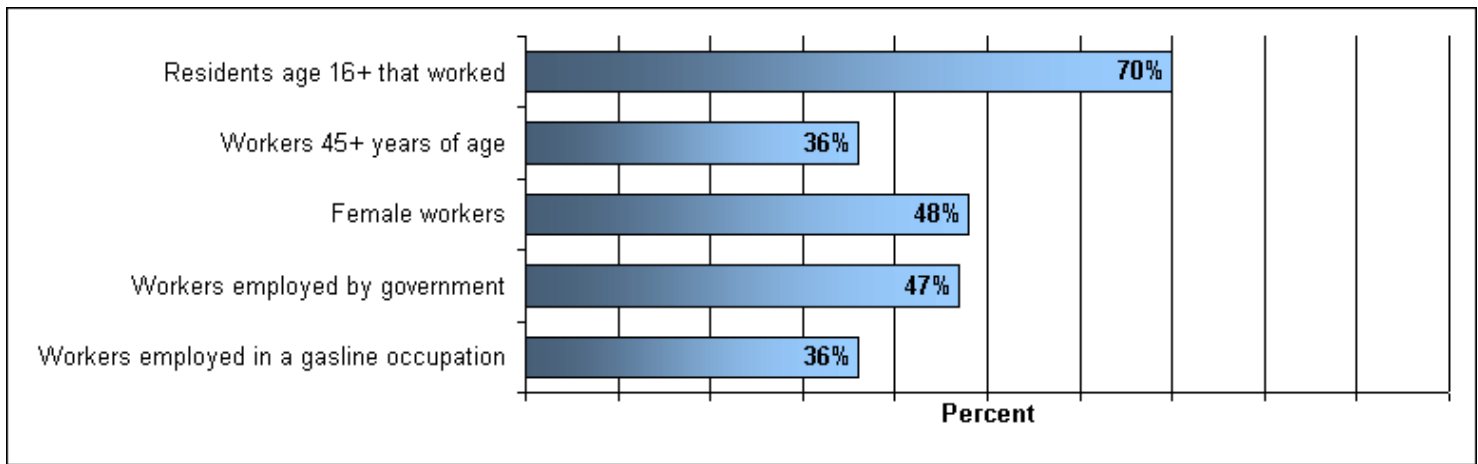
- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 9,499, a gain of about 303 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 70 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 41 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Teacher Assistants than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Nome Census Area Resident Snapshot (2008)			
Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	6,173	Total wages	\$113,822,297
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	4,319	Private	2,308
Male	2,240	State government	239
Female	2,078	Local government	1,772
Age 45+	1,539	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	1,057	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	3,668
		Percent working all 4 quarters	59.2%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	867	Some construction	1,005
		At least 1 year construction	335
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	145
New hires	2,059	Worked in an AGIA occupation	3,330

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2008 Residents

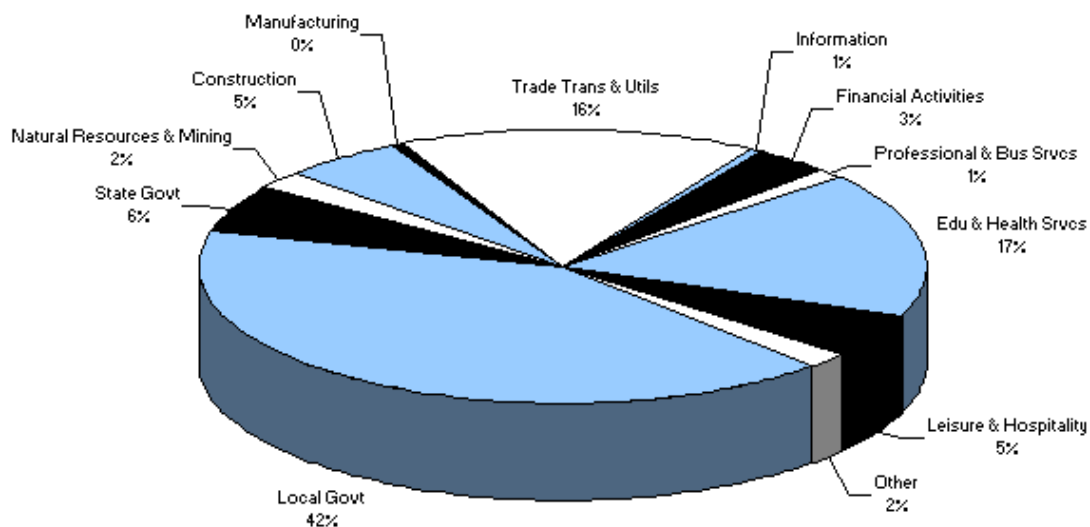


Top Occupations

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Teacher Assistants	218	82.6%	65	3.0%	6.5%
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education HOT JOB	187	66.7%	56	7.3%	14.9%
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	176	8.5%	28	34.1%	15.2%
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners AGIA	173	22.0%	41	5.7%	6.7%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	144	84.7%	30	7.1%	4.3%
Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	126	38.1%	6	9.4%	11.3%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	102	12.7%	19	11.2%	9.0%
Cashiers	95	72.6%	4	10.2%	5.9%
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	86	74.4%	15	3.4%	12.6%
Gaming and Sports Book Writers and Runners	83	51.8%	13	3.0%	6.0%
Helpers--Carpenters AGIA	71	5.6%	23	3.0%	7.0%
Retail Salespersons	66	69.7%	6	8.6%	7.1%
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	61	6.6%	16	24.8%	25.6%
Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners, All Other	61	95.1%	11	5.6%	4.2%
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria AGIA	60	85.0%	25	4.5%	6.1%
Stock Clerks and Order Fillers AGIA	59	18.6%	6	1.6%	4.8%
General and Operations Managers	57	42.1%	26	6.5%	4.8%
Office Clerks, General AGIA	56	76.8%	19	15.6%	10.9%
Fishers and Related Fishing Workers	56	32.1%	4	16.7%	5.6%
Cargo and Freight Agents	53	24.5%	12	5.8%	10.1%

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Those Who Live in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who Work in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	99	17.2%	20	10.9%	33.3%
Construction	230	20.9%	47	38.2%	30.4%
Manufacturing	17	35.3%	1	0.0%	0.0%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	686	36.4%	114	11.7%	10.7%
Information	27	18.5%	9	19.5%	12.2%
Financial Activities	138	23.2%	42	9.5%	5.5%
Professional and Business Services	57	47.4%	12	25.8%	37.6%
Educational and Health Services	739	75.0%	190	7.2%	7.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	224	49.6%	32	7.9%	19.0%
State Government	239	48.5%	70	14.7%	5.3%
Local Government	1,772	48.6%	497	6.1%	7.8%
Other	88	54.5%	23	8.9%	10.0%

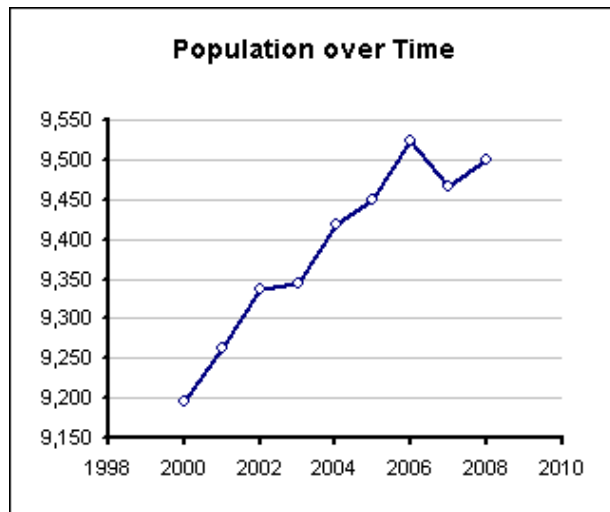
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Recent Unemployment Statistics				
	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	502	537	518	487
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	12.7%	12.8%	12.7%	13.8%

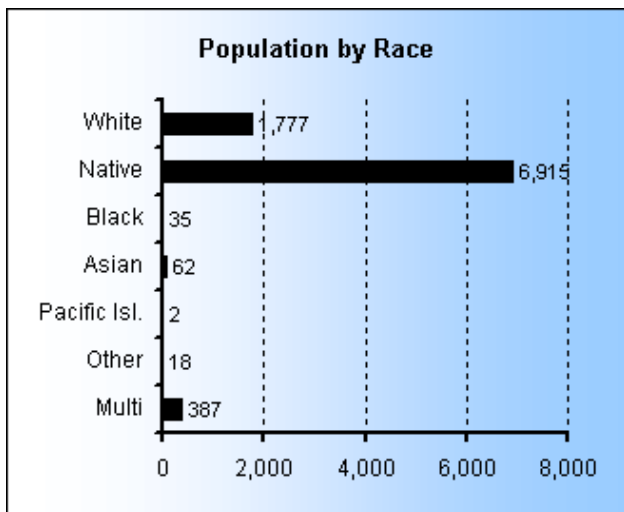
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

Bering Strait School Dist
Norton Sound Health Corp
Kawerak Inc
State of AK (excludes U of A)
Norton Sound Economic Development
Nome Public Schools
Bering Straits Reg Housing Authority
Alaska Gold Company
AK Commercial Co
Native Village of Gambell
Bering Air Incorporated



2000 Census	
Median Age	27.6
Average Family Size	4.0
Average Household Size	3.3
Per Capita Income	\$15,476
Median Family Income	\$44,189
Median Household Income	\$41,250



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section
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